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Re application of:

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PHASE SYNTHESIS**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 10, 1999 setting forth a three-month period for response thereby making the due date March 10, 2000. Applicant submits herewith a Petition for Extension of Time for three months thereby extending the due date from March 10, 2000 to June 12, 2000 (June 10, 2000 being a Saturday) together with the appropriate extension of time fee of \$435.00 for a small entity pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h). It is believed that no additional fees are due in order to maintain the pendency of the application. However, if any additional fees are due, please charge them to Howrey Simon Arnold & White's Deposit Account No. 08-3038.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice.

In claim 3, line 1, delete "2" and insert therefor -1--.

In claim 4, line 1, delete "2" and insert therefor -1--.

In claim 5, line 1, delete "2" and insert therefor -1--.

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice.

Sub B 27 16. (amended) A method for electrochemical synthesis of an array of separately formed polymers on a substrate, which comprises the steps of: